VETERANS AFFAIRS, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[801]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code Supplement section 35A.5 and 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2289, the Department of Veterans Affairs hereby amends Chapter 9, "War Orphans Educational Assistance Fund," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments to Chapter 9 are intended to comply with changes made during the 2008 Legislative Session. Changes to Chapter 9 include modifying the residency requirements so that benefits may be provided to a war orphan of a deceased veteran who lived in this state; requiring that a war orphan begin utilizing the education benefits before reaching the age of 26 and finish schooling before reaching the age of 31; establishing that this assistance is for tuition costs only and will be paid directly to the institution; setting minimum academic standards that students must meet in order to receive funding; allowing these funds to be used at any postsecondary institution in Iowa; and establishing a maximum funding amount that equals five times the highest resident undergraduate tuition rate of the three regent universities.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 13, 2008, as **ARC 7083B**. A public hearing was held on September 2, 2008. No public comment was received on these amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs adopted these amendments on September 19, 2008.

These amendments shall become effective November 12, 2008.

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 35.8 and 35.9 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2289.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [9.3, 9.4, 9.5(1)"b"] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7083B**, IAB 8/13/08.

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